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The Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies were allowed time till 20th January 1955 to take over as much stocks as possible at Rs. 12 per maund. The five Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies of Ponnani taluk have lifted in all 4,110 tons at Rs. 12 per maund against the 6,000 tons agreed to be purchased by them. Certain other Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies have taken over about 800 tons at the same rate of Rs. 12 per maund against the balance quantity for which Rs. 10-4-3 per maund was offered previously."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If it is a big statement or answer, it is better that the Government print it and lay it on the table of the House as it will save time. I hope it will be done in the future."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It was not printed as it did not contain much of figures."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" If the Government had accepted the suggestion of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies to sell the first sort of rice at Rs. 16–11–0 they could have saved lakhs of rupees because the same rice was sold afterwards at Rs. 12–8–0 and even less than that? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir. I already answered that as the Government of India were taking it, this Government did not consider the question of transferring it."

Loss of Teachers' certificate

* 1121 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Teachers' certificate of Higher Elementary Trained Teachers who appeared for the Secondary Grade Training School-Leaving Certificate Examination have been lost from the office of the Commissioner for Government Examinations during 1949—1954; and

(*b*) if so, how many?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Information is not readily available. If individual cases are reported, action may be taken."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it not a fact that in 1948–49 the certificate of a teacher who appeared for the Secondary Grade Training School-Leaving Certificate Examination was not returned to him on the ground that the original certificate was lost from the Office of the Commissioner for Government Examinations—the fact of which was communicated to him. If so, will the Government see that the injustice done to the teacher is removed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The original question relates to 1949–54 and the hon. Member is now citing an instance that happened in 1948. Certainly to elicit information on it, he must give notice of it to the Government."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I said the official year 1948–49."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" But the original question relates to 1949—1954."

House-sites for Harijans in Malabar

* 1122 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the State Harijan Welfare Committee regarding the acquisition of lands to provide house-sites to Harijans in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) At the meeting of the State Harijan Welfare Committee held on 18th January 1955, Sri E. Kannan, a member of the Committee, moved a resolution requesting the Government to start the work of acquiring house-sites for all Harijan families in Malabar who have no jenmam lands not later than the 1st April 1955. Other members also expressed that the acquisition of house-sites in other districts should be expedited. The Minister informed the members that the Collectors of the districts will be instructed accordingly and that the special staff required for acquisition of land in Malabar district would be sanctioned before the end of April 1955. Necessary provision for the special staff will be included in the budget for 1955–56."

9-30 a.m. * 1123 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, I request that this question may be taken up on Monday."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection."

Amount collected for the National Plan Loan from Tanjore

* 1124 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount collected so far under the National Plan Loan from Tanjore district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" According to the latest figures furnished by the Reserve Bank, the total amount collected from the Tanjore district for the National Plan Loan was Rs. 22,46,600."